

QUESTIONS TO ASK ON YOUR VISIT TO A COLLEGE CAMPUS

If you have decided to attend college, visiting a few of the top colleges you are considering is an important part of the selection process. There are several questions you will need to ask when you make your visit.

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General questions:

- What factors do you consider when making admissions decisions?
- Is it required that I take a standardized test (such as the ACT, SAT, or another test) to be considered for admission?
- What is the minimum test score accepted? How many students with minimum scores graduate?
- Are there other ways to be admitted? Do you have special admission policies, or transfer or provisional admission?
- What is the average grade point average (GPA) of the incoming freshman class?
- Is it possible to transfer credits from this school to a four-year college?

Questions about your program of study (major):

- Does this school have a major in my area of interest?
- What academic skills are required for my major?
- What high school courses would help prepare me for my major?

Questions about financial aid:

- What are the annual costs for tuition, fees, and room and board?
- What financial aid is available? What is your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) filing deadline?
- What scholarships are available? How do I apply?

Questions to ask the disability services coordinator:

- What documentation must I bring to identify myself as a student with a disability entitled to reasonable accommodation? How current must the documentation be?
- How is confidential information handled?
- Who decides if I qualify for accommodations?
- What accommodations are available? (These might include such things as tape recorders, taped textbooks, note-takers, and modified exams.)
- How much advance notice is needed to have textbooks recorded on tape?
- Is tutoring provided? What is the cost?
- Are waivers or substitutions granted to students who, because of their disabilities, cannot pass certain courses, such as foreign languages and statistics?
- Are basic skills or study skills courses offered? Are they available for credit? Can they be counted as hours toward full-time status? What is the cost?
- Is there a support group on campus for students with disabilities?
- Is there an adaptive technology lab on campus?